

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 18th May 2014**

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## **40m Counties Contest**

Today Sunday, 18th May, IRTS will host the first IRTS Counties Contest on 40 metres. This generally follows the very successful format of the 80 metres contest and the full rules are available on the IRTS website. The contest is open to all and EI and GI stations who send their county as well as the report and a serial number starting with 001 for the first contact.

Note in particular the rule about the permitted frequencies for this contest, which are for CW 7000-7040 and for SSB 7060-7100 & 7130-7175.

SD by EI5DI supports this contest, and is free from [ei5di.com](http://ei5di.com).

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## **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club recently held its AGM which was well attended with some new members joining. The following officers were elected. Chairperson Pat EI9HX, Secretary Brian EI8IU, Treasurer Fergus EI6IB, PRO Anthony EI6GGB, QSL Manager Anthony EI6GGB, Contest Manager Mark EI6JK. The Committee would like to thank the outgoing officers for their work throughout the year.

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## **UKEICC**

Many thanks to the 150 UK, Irish and DX contestants who have joined The United Kingdom and Ireland Contest Club in the first 2 weeks.

The UKEICC is pleased to announce a new series of 1-hour contests on 80m which will start in September 2014. The rules are innovative and we think you will find these contests interesting and enjoyable. These contests are open to anyone from anywhere to enter.

There's a link to the contest rules at [www.ukeicc.com](http://www.ukeicc.com) Thanks also to everyone who completed our first on-line Members' survey - the unedited results are available in the Members section of the website. Our second survey is being prepared and will be on-line in the next few days.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV as EI2GEO from the Copper Coast Geopark in Tankardstown, Bunmahon Co. Waterford over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 24th & 25th May to coincide with European Geoparks week. As the Geopark event is not a contest. Operation tends to be relaxed with ample time and an ideal location to experiment with antennas. There is also a strong social aspect to the event with barbecue and drinks on the Saturday night. Activity will be mainly on HF (SSB and CW). For more information about EI2GEO please see [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com)

The May meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday the 26th of May at 8.00 p.m. New members and anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com) and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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## **The 5MHz Newsletter**

The latest - Spring 2014 – edition of The 5 MHz Newsletter is now available for free download in pdf format [tinyurl.com/owbbggk](http://tinyurl.com/owbbggk)

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## **DX News**

Fred VK3DAC will be active from Norfolk Island as VK9DAC from 20 – 27 May. He hopes to work many island chasers as well as putting Mount Bates on the air for the Summits on the Air enthusiasts. Apart from radio he will also spend some time in his other hobby of bird-watching.

Karl DK2WV and Heino DJ9AF are still very QRV as 7Q7VW. They will be in Malawi until 21 May. A separate operation will be conducted by Remco PA3FYM from 21 May – 10 June. He will use the unusual callsign of 7QNL (yes – Seven Queen November Lima) and will be on all bands 80 – 10m SSB and CW. In addition he will take part in the CQ WPX CW Contest on 24/25 May. QSL Manager for this one is PA1AW.

A number of Japanese operators will visit the South Cook Islands from 22 – 31 May. Callsigns to look for are E51AVE, E51KJW, E51JQY and E51MCA. Activity will be on 160 – 10m CW, SSB and RTTY.

Two special event stations with new prefixes will be operational from Israel during the visit of Pope Francis. Look for the callsigns 4X266POPE and 4Z266POPE from 20 – 27 May. QSL Manger for both calls is 4Z1TL.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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